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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2047

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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LAGOS FOR AGATT

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, CM

SUBJ: RESTRICTIONS ON COFFEE SALES

REF: STATE 111015

1. E/C OFFICER AND AGATT (LAGOS) MET WITH DIRECTOR BASIC PRODUCTS  
HAMATOUKOUR WHO AGAIN EMPHASIZED ROLE OF COFFEE AND COCOA EXPORTS  
AS BASIS OF CAMEROON ECONOMY AND GURC REVENUE. GURC INTENDS  
STIMULATE COFFEE PRODUCTION AND EXPAND EXPORTS. HAMATOUKOUR  
ALSO REPEATED ARGUMENT MADE SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST THAT  
STABILITY OF PRICES FOR BOTH COFFEE AND COCOA WERE IN THE BEST  
INTERESTS OF BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. BUT PRICE MUST BE  
STABILIZED AT LEVEL WHICH (A) RECOGNIZED ROLE OF BASIC PRODUCTS  
AS PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR FARMERS AND GOVERNMENTS;  
(B) RECOGNIZED POLICY OF GURC AND OTHERS THAT PROTECT FARMERS  
FROM WORL MARKET FLUCTUATIONS BY GUARANTEEING PRICES TO FARMERS  
(WITH ANNUAL INCREASES IF POSSIBLE) THAT WOULD/COULD NOT BE  
DECREASED REGARDLESS OF WORLD MARKET FLUCTUATIONS; (C)  
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RECOGNIZED THAT EARNINGS FROM BASIC PRODUCTS ARE USED AS  
BASIS FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT AS OPPOSED STEADILY INCREASING  
DEPENDENCE ON EXTERNAL AID; AND (D) RECOGNIZED NEED FOR STABILIZED  
PRICES AT A SUFFICIENT RETURN TO FARMERS IN COMPETITION WITH  
STEADILY RISING PRICES TO FARMERS FOR FOOD STUFFS. THIS WAS THE  
AONLY WAY TO BUILD A STABLE MARKET SITUATION.

2. HAMATOUKOUR, WHILE FIRM IN HIS THINGING AND OPPOSITION TO SOME US COMMODITY POLICY, HAS ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY AND OPEN IN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EMBASSY. SINCE HIS RETURN FROM THE LAST COFFEE MEETING, HOWEVER, HE HAS APPEARED GUNUINZ TUUPSET BY US ATTITUDE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS A GUNUINE SHORTAGE OF COFFEE, PRICES ARE HIGH, AND CAMEROON IS MAKING MONEY. A FEW YEARS AGO, HOWEVER, WHEN PRICES WERE LOW AND CAMEROON WAS RUNNING A MASSIVE TRADE DEFICIT, NO ONE INCLUDING THE US GOT UPSET ABOUT IT. HE MAINTAINS COOPERATION IS A TWO-WAY SHREET.  
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